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SUBJ: AMBASSADOR BRUCE'S TRAVELS RE ATLANTIC COMMUNITY

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1. I RECOMMEND THAT SECRETARY'S ADVISOR ON ATLANTIC PROBLEMS, AMBASSADOR BRUCE, INCLUDE SPAIN ON HIS PROJECTED EUROPEAN TOUR. PRESIDENT ARIAS, IN HIS FIRST POLICY STATEMENT FEB 12 (REF:B) UNDERScoreD SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP WITH U.S. WITHIN FRAMEWORK OF ATLANTIC DEFENSE. IN VIEW OF THIS AUSPICIOUS BEGINNING OF NEW GOVERNMENT AND PENDING VISIT OF NEW FOREIGN MINISTER TO U.S. IN LATE MARCH, BRUCE VISIT WOULD HELP MAINTAIN POSITIVE MOMENTUM IN DEVELOPING DIALOGUE ON ATLANTIC AFFAIRS WITH SPANIARDS.

2. SPAIN HAS ALSO DISPLAYED CONSIDERABLE INTEREST IN INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION ON ENERGY AND GOS OFFICIALS HAVE FRANKLY VOICED THEIR DISMAY AT SEEING SMALLER CONSUMER STATES INCLUDED IN WASHINGTON ENERGY CONFERENCE WHILE THEY WERE EXCLUDED. VISIT HERE BY AMBASSADOR BRUCE WOULD BE EFFECTIVE YET INEXPENSIVE WAY OF EASING SPANISH DISAPPOINTMENT OVER EXCLUSION AND REASSURE THEM OF OUR CONTINUING INTEREST IN THEIR COOPERATION ON ENERGY MATTERS AND ATLANTIC AFFAIRS.
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